Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Mary Jean Fors was born on August 27, 1946, to Darlene and Wallace Fors at Watertown, South Dakota, and joined three older siblings, Neill, Ken, and Pat; and,

Whereas, Mary married Myron Nelson on December 16, 1966, at Madison, South Dakota, and they have given life and love to two children, Mark and Cory, who have, in turn, given them five grandchildren to love and enjoy; and,

Whereas, Mary received her teaching degree from Dakota State University in Madison, she taught in Minnesota, served as a librarian, and later worked as a credit manager at Feys Industries up until 2 years ago; and,

Whereas, Mary has been actively involved with volunteer work on church projects and activities, attending church conferences, serving meals to the 1992 tornado victims and clean-up crew, and directing community plays; and,

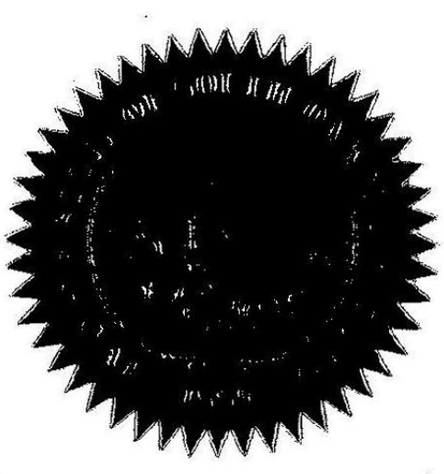
Whereas, Since Mary's retirement, she has enjoyed playing Scrabble with her friend, Linda Johnson, reading, camping, attending theatrical productions, spending time with her grandchildren, and starting a special collection for each one of them; and,

Whereas, On Thanksgiving Day 2003, Mary's family learned that she has cancer, and on January 6, 2004, Mary will admit herself to Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls where a determination will be made regarding the best treatment for her situation:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 6, 2004, as

MARY JEAN NELSON DAY

in South Dakota, and I urge the diligent prayers of all her family, friends, and supporters.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirty-first Day of December in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State